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**NEWS RELEASE**

## **Court of Appeals to Remember Chief Judge Emeritus James R. Browning**

The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit will convene in a special session Friday, September 21, 2012, in San Francisco to remember the late Chief Judge Emeritus James R. Browning. The proceeding is scheduled for 3 to 4 p.m. in Courtroom One of the James R. Browning U.S. Courthouse, 95 7<sup>th</sup> St.

Chief Judge Alex Kozinski will preside and make opening remarks. Also scheduled to speak are U.S. Senator Max Baucus of Montana; Ninth Circuit Judge Sidney R. Thomas of Billings, Montana; three former law clerks of Judge Browning, Ninth Circuit Judge Marsha S. Berzon of San Francisco, U.S. District Judge Edward M. Chen of the Northern District of California, and attorney Rowan Wilson, a partner Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP; and two members of the Browning family, nephew William Warden and granddaughter Lauren Sommer.

Judge Browning died on May 6, 2012, at the age of 93. Nominated by President Kennedy, he came onto the Court of Appeals in 1961. He served as an active judge for nearly 40 years, including 12 years as chief judge. He took senior status in 2000, but continued to hear cases for many more years. He was the longest serving federal appellate judge in the nation's history.

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